

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

May 14, 2010

Ms. Alison Fitzgerald
Bloomberg News
1399 New York Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Fitzgerald:

This letter is USTR's response to your Freedom of Information Act request for **"copies of (or access to) logs of phone calls and meetings, and copies of emails and other correspondence from January 1, 2005 through August 1, 2009, between the USTR and Islam Siddiqui"**.

Please be advised that we have located one (1) document within the scope of your request. The document has been redacted for non-responsiveness.

Inasmuch as this constitutes a complete response to your request, I am closing your file in this office.

In the event that you are dissatisfied with USTR's determination, you may appeal such a denial, within thirty (30) days, in writing to:

FOIA Appeals Committee
Office of the United States Trade Representative
1724 F Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20508

Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked: "Freedom of Information Act Appeal". In the event you are dissatisfied with the results of any such appeal, judicial review will thereafter be available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, where we searched for the records you seek.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the FOIA office at (202) 395-3419.

Sincerely,



Carmen Suro-Bredie
Chief FOIA Officer



Custodian of Records/Records Access FOIA Officer
United State Trade Representative
1724 F St. NW
Washington DC 20508

Nov. 5, 2009

BY FAX and EMAIL

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552 *et seq* ("FOIA"), I request copies of (or access to) logs of phone calls and meetings, and copies of emails and other correspondence, from January 1, 2005 through August 1, 2009, between the USTR and Islam Siddiqui.

I am a reporter for Bloomberg News, an accredited and recognized newsgathering organization. I request the Records to inform the public about matters of public concern.

FOIA requires that the your agency respond to this request within 20 business days. This request is segregable, and your agency may not withhold entire records because of one section that you believe is exempt from disclosure. Under federal law, if you choose to withhold any such parts of the records from disclosure, you must specify in a written response the factual and legal basis for withholding any part of the Records.

In responding to FOIA requests, the agency must operate with a presumption in favor of disclosure. As stated in a January 21, 2009 Presidential Memorandum: "All agencies should adopt a presumption in favor of disclosure, in order to renew their commitment to the principles embodied in FOIA, and to usher in a new era of open Government."

I am requesting expedited treatment for this request as Mr. Siddiqui's nomination to a high level post at the USTR is currently pending before the Senate and the public has an interest in understanding his previous dealings with the agency.

I agree to pay reasonable fees for the Records, including actual costs up to \$250. If you estimate that actual costs will exceed this amount, please contact me so that I may make the appropriate arrangements for payment. Please contact me if I may assist in your office's response to this request.

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Siddiqui

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